



# LDC'S LONG SEARCH FOR APPROVED REHABILITATION TECHNOLOGIES FOR CAST IRON PIPE

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### ASPECTS OF CAST IRON REHABILITATION NEEDED IN LDC

**SECTOR** 

- Typical Areas where Cast Iron Rehabilitation is needed
  - Difficult-to-access areas
    - Highways, Railroads, Bridges
    - Areas include multiple bends
- Need to maintain flow capacity; due to age and location;
  many Cl and steel lines are also major feeds that distribution system relies on
- Many times CI pipes are in areas where there is dense subsurface conditions; no space for additional 'clear lane'
- Sizes of CI pipe determine applicability of technology
  - Larger than 12" diameter Replacement is NOT an option more than 1000 miles still in U.S.
    - No available clear lane
    - Larger diameter CI has significant wall thickness and does not break; leaking joints are the issue
    - Geometric inconsistencies (e.g. 16" Cl on ID, need to upsize to 16" OD for steel replacement)
  - Larger diameter facilities up to 48" are part of rehabilitation requirement; additional problems emerge deeper depths; some in areas with wall-to-wall paving; conventional replacement techniques very costly



## PHMSA DEFINITION OF RE-CONDITIONED CAST IRON DISTRIBUTION PIPE

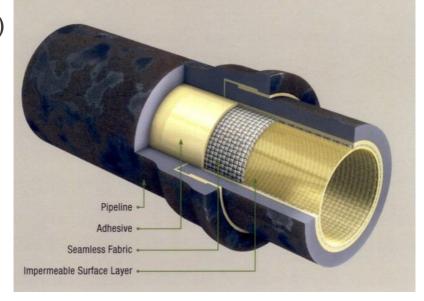
PIPE THAT HAS BEEN LINED INTERNALLY TO ENSURE SAME OPERATION AT A MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE OPERATING PRESSURE (MAOP) AND THAT DOES NOT EXCEED THE PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED MAOP

SEPARATE REPORTING CATEGORY FOR PHMSA REPORTS

\*ASTM Standard F22070-06 governs rehabilitation of pipelines

#### LONG HISTORY OF SUCCESSFUL TESTING & USE OF CURED-IN-PLACE PIPE LINERS

- As of 2015, over 500,000 feet installed in U.S. (750,000' worldwide);
  over \$20 million spent on technology testing
- Testing over two decades (several projects NYGAS, GRI, individual LDCs)
  - Life cycle testing
  - Aged pipe/post-mortem testing for pipe extracted after (10) years of use
  - Several long-term R & D programs at Cornell
  - Sample 6-minute video with details from 2014 Cornell testing (several types)
    <a href="https://www.nysearch.org/news-info">https://www.nysearch.org/news-info</a> 062215.php
  - Example test result 6" Starline liner can withstand (50) yrs of combined expansion and contraction. That's 2 million cycles of vertical displacements and rotations that correspond to heavy traffic loading!



#### **SUMMARY**

- NYSEARCH/NGA and previously NYGAS (pre-2001) have several members with cast iron pipe of all sizes that is costly and difficult to replace
- LDCs have made considerable investment in a rehabilitation technique using CIPP that they need to be deemed equivalent to replacement; to date- regulators are still deeming it 're-conditioned pipe'
- Given the environmental movement to reduce use of NG, LDCs need an economical means of making the pipe safe and no longer prone to leaks without replacing it
- Opportunities and challenges exist for particularly larger diameter cast iron pipe new solutions needed
  - There are some LDC SMEs with extensive experience in rehabilitation of CI pipe that can provide advisory input for work on new solutions